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REMARKS

The amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Austin. Applicant has amended claim 1 to further distinguish over the cited patent.

With respect to claim 1, Austin fails to disclose a receipt printer or

control circuitry in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed computer and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed computer over a single cable.

Claims 4 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Austin in view of Spencer. Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8.

With respect to claim 7, the references fail to disclose a peripheral including

a universal serial bus receipt printer in the housing;

a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a

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presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the receipt printer; and

a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed controlling computer and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling computer over a single cable.

With respect to claim 8, the references fail to disclose a system including

a computer peripheral separately housed from the controlling computer including

a housing;

a universal serial bus receipt printer in the housing;

a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the receipt printer; and

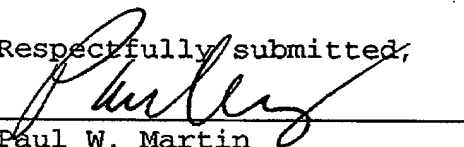
a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and the computer and bar code data between the bar code reader and the computer over a single cable between the universal serial bus hub and the universal serial bus controller.

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Applicant has noted the prior art of record but not
relied upon.

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims
be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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